



Being Faithful To The Trust Committed Unto Us

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10.

These words were spoken to the church at Smyrna. Many years have passed since this church began its doctrine and teaching. In these seven church periods Jesus in giving John this revelation named the different churches that were preaching and teaching doctrines that would be taught in the different periods. Smyrna was a period of great persecution and Jesus admonished them to be faithful unto death.

The first death here is the death of the body, which the faithful Smyrnians must submit to. The other is the death of the soul, the second death, or the expulsion from the presence of God. The religion of Christ requires faithfulness; second, it requires personal faithfulness because every Christian has a personal work to accomplish. God will endow each one with faith and power to accomplish the obligation that He will place upon them. It requires continual obedience because of the great work. The time truly is short. Persecutions seemingly are rising on every hand and we must be faithful to the trust committed to us.

Possibly the people on the field would like to hear how everything is moving along at Headquarters. The Publishing House is loaded with work and everybody is so

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Gen. Overseer

busy they hardly have time to help or advise one another. Our reports show that financial conditions on the field are improving, and that of course brings more work to Headquarters. For the last ten or twelve years the Publishing House has been showing a net gain every year, not only in business but in financial gain. Little by little it has merged from a burden of debt to a prosperous business. Several years ago when I was editor and publisher, the stock of books and materials was freed from debts and since that time we have been paying cash for all goods purchased and receiving the cash discount, which

has proven to be a great blessing to the business. Several editors have had charge since that time and all of them have been successful. The business has now taken on such proportions until its profits are very encouraging. Brother Clark has been able to purchase quite a lot of new machinery, and recently was able to buy a carload of paper which is a great saving. The House being in this financial condition makes it possible to greatly increase the profits by cash deals. This is made possible by a better financial condition in the country.

We highly appreciate the cooperation of all of our people on the field. This is your business and we feel that every church member is a stockholder in this wonderful Publishing House that is now publishing and sending forth the true gospel to thousands of hungry hearts. We feel that God's smiles of approval are being poured out upon the business here, for which we give Him all the glory. The workers here are faithful laborers, toiling from morning till night, putting forth every effort to make it possible for the people on the field to have the good news from all over the United States and islands of the sea.

General Indebtedness

The General Indebtedness drive is getting along fine. One state has
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Past, Present And Future

An official survey by the British Board of Trade discloses that Japan's exports increased 55.3 per cent for the first six months of 1933 as compared with the first six months of 1932.

For the same period a decline of 19.9 per cent was noted for the United States, a decline of 16.3 per cent for British foreign trade, and a decline of 10.9 per cent in French foreign trade.

Sale of Japanese cotton goods
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NOTICES

A series of revival services will begin here Sunday night, Feb. 18. Sixteen nights will be given to lectures on Revelation and prophetic subjects which will be both interesting and educational. Things that are confronting the world will be discussed from a Biblical standpoint. The writer will be in charge. Come one and all.—Your humble brother, Clyde C. Cox, Canton, Ga.

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The convention for North Louisiana convenes March 16th thru the 18th at the Church of God, Forest, La. The convention for S. Louisiana convenes at Kentwood, La. March 20th thru the 22nd. Brother S. W. Latimer will be with us throughout both conventions. Free entertainment for those coming from a distance. Musicians, bring your instruments. Singers, come with your solos, duets, quartets. Let's enjoy the convention. Preachers, be present with a good delegation. Let's make this a great convention. Don't forget to bring a nice offering for missions. Pastors, bring complete report of your work since the Assembly. Conventions start at 10:00 a. m. of first day.—J. B. Cole, state overseer.

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A revival is in progress at Dunn, La. Eleven have received the Holy Ghost in two weeks. The altar is filled every night. Sunday night three received the Holy Ghost. Saturday and Sunday nights the church is too small. Brother R. H. Klaudt, evangelist, is doing the preaching. Pray for Dunn.—J. B. Cole, pastor.

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HONOR ROLL

Churches in Tennessee that have gone over the top in the General indebtedness Drive are: McMinnville, Cleveland, Nashville.

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To the ministers and churches in the state of Texas and elsewhere: Our district conventions will convene as follows: The Paris district convention will convene at Lannius, March 2-4. Churches on the district are Paris, Blossom, Ladonia, Maxie, Gainesville, Lannius and Celina. Our ministers, deacons, laity, and friends are invited to attend.

Mt. Vernon district convention will convene at Cherry Hill, March 9-11. Churches on the district are Cherry Hill, Oak Dale, Mt. Sterlin.

Freedom, New Hope, Point, and Pine Grove. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these conventions and enjoy the good feasts from the Lord. Hoping to see you at these conventions, I remain your brother, J. C. Coats, overseer.

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We have permitted several hundred of our books "Consolation for the Tempted and Tried" to go out on the field on credit. Several hundred were taken out from the Assembly. Most of them we have never heard from. We would appreciate hearing from you at once and that you at least send in the amount that belongs to the Publishing House, so that we can settle our bill there. If you feel that it is impossible for you to sell the books, if they are in perfect condition, you may return them. Ten cents on each book belongs to the Publishing House. After you have sent this amount to me, you may keep the remainder of the books and sell them for any purpose that may seem best to you. Please be prompt about this matter. May the Lord bless you.—Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

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The Lakeland district conven-

STATE MEETINGS

N. LOUISIANA CONVENTION

Forest, La., March 16-18

J. B. Cole, Overseer

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S. LOUISIANA CONVENTION

Kentwood, La., March 20-22

J. B. Cole, Overseer

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TENN. STATE CONVENTION

N. Chattanooga, Tenn., Apr. 26-29

T. S. PAYNE, Overseer

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CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

Corona, Calif., Feb. 14-18

J. H. INGRAM, Overseer

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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF CHURCH OF GOD COLORED WORK

Jacksonville, Fla., April 9-15

J. H. CURRY, Overseer

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SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION

Morgantown, Miss., March 2-4

T. M. McCLENDON, Overseer

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION

Thorn, Miss., March 9-11

T. M. McCLENDON, Overseer

tion will convene at Plant City, Fla., beginning March 2nd, and continuing through the 4th. The first service will be Friday night, March 2nd, then three services Saturday and three Sunday. We are expecting a large delegation from each church on the district, and especially insist that all the ministers, deacons, councilmen, Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials attend. Come on and let us have a good time in the Lord. Each church have your report complete to be read at this convention. Dinner on the ground Sunday, bring your baskets filled and most of them can be carried away empty. Let each church make Feb. 25th prayer day for the convention. — H. L. Chessner, Dist. Pastor, Lakeland, Fla.

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The Lord has helped us to raise our quota on General Indebtedness at Washington, N. C. We went over the top the third Sunday in January. Brother Hardee has gone over the top at Alligoods with his indebtedness. We thank the Lord. Greenville church is going to do their best to go over in the near future. We have started a meeting here at Greenville. Pray that the Lord will bless. The Washington district meeting will be held Feb. 17, 18.—Your humble brother, J. C. Pinion, district pastor.

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The Dora district convention will convene from the 23rd to 25th instead of the 21st of February. The Dora church is coming to the front with Brother L. W. Ledbetter as pastor. Everybody be sure to come on the 23rd expecting the Lord to bless.—Lonnie Finley, Dora, Ala.

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The Cantwell district convention will convene at Leadwood, Mo., March 1-3. All preachers and deacons of this district are expected to be present at this convention, although every one is invited. There will be free entertainment for all.—G. P. Gower, district overseer, Bonne Terre, Mo.

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The Columbus district convention will convene at Wellston, Ohio, April 13-15 inclusive. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. Everybody is welcome. Come and get a good feast from the Lord.—Herschel Dillinger, district overseer.



The First Stage of The Second Coming of Christ

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

INTRODUCTION: We wish to confine ourselves in this article to the priestly work of Christ within the Holy of Holies and the first stage of His coming. Later if God wills we will write on the second stage of His coming.

His Ascension

TEXT: "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:10, 11.

The Purpose of His Ascension

Let us notice some of the salient points concerning His going away and the purpose of it. 1. There are many glories in my FATHER'S HOUSE, Jno. 14:1. 2. I go to PREPARE A PLACE for you. Then notice the promise. 3. I will COME AGAIN. 4. To RECEIVE you unto myself. 5. That ye may ABIDE with me. The "many glories" of God, from which man was shut off by sin, necessitated that Christ return to the "Holy of Holies" and effect an at-one-ment and reconciliation for man's sin, that he might be prepared to enter into spiritual fellowship and communion with God. Jesus had told His disciples about His returning unto God and that He would come again unto them. Therefore when He ascended and while they "looked stedfastly toward heaven," the "two men" standing by them assured them that this same Jesus would "come in like manner" as they had seen Him go into heaven. Their testimony was for the purpose of comforting the disciples concerning the fulfillment of

Christ's promises.

The Aaronic Priesthood

Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. "For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread: which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the holiest of all. Now when things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building," Heb. 9:2, 3, 6-8, 11.

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us," Heb. 9:24. "Once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation," Heb. 9:26, 28. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance

of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as we see the day approaching," Heb. 10:19-25.

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: we have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

Christ's Priestly Work

While Christ is absent from this world He is engaged in the office of high priest over the house of God. He cannot and will not return to earth until after this work is completed. From Heb. 10:12 we learn that this work will last for the present age, after which He will come back to earth again as He has promised and as is here witnessed in our text. When the church age will end we are nowhere told in the Scriptures, except that we have reason to believe it precedes the tribulation period and that present day events are indicative that we are in the last days of the age.

The order of the high priestly work of Christ from Lev. 9th chapter would seem to imply, to quote Dr. Seiss, that, "Having attended to what was to be done with the sacrifices at the altar, in the presence of the people, the next duty of Aaron, as the high priest, was to enter into the sanctuary and the most holy place with the

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Notes from The Editor



REVIVALS

Rev. E. L. Simmons, pastor at North Chattanooga, said there were ten saved at his church Saturday night. To date sixty or seventy have been saved and his revival continues indefinitely. He and ministers of his congregation are doing the preaching. From many different states come reports of many glorious revivals. Evidence points to another great and successful year in evangelistic work throughout the different states.

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GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS DRIVE

We attended a district convention yesterday down at Soddy, Tenn. They had a large attendance and a most blessed spirit of fellowship. One feature particularly noticeable was the interest being taken in the general indebtedness drive. Pastors all stated that by the set date for all churches to go over the top they expected to have their 40c per member raised. Brother Payne, state overseer, is very active also. They all seemed

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to be right on the job and at their best. And I might say that the interest in the 40c per member general indebtedness drive is taking on good headway throughout the Church as a whole. We believe the good loyal Church of God members are determined to rally this once and last time concerning this indebtedness by moving it out of the way.

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RIOTS IN FRANCE

The last few days Paris has been stormed by feverish demonstrations of fascism and communism. Several were killed and many wounded as result of street fighting and riots followed by one day of a general strike of one million workers protesting against methods of fascism being used in administration of governmental affairs in France. Such mob and riot scandals are becoming a general characteristic incited by the spirit of lawlessness determined to overthrow all civil and religious order and establish a godless government for a godless people.

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RUSSIA-JAPAN WAR CLOUDS

From Moscow thru General Bluecher, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies in the far east, comes a completed admission on the part of the Russian government that it is planning an attack of war on Japan based on charges that she is converting Manchukuo into an arm base. Whether these plans or attacks may be averted is not known but that Russia is decidedly dissatisfied with Japan's

strategic movement is certain. Christ said the last days will be characterized by the sea and waves thereof roaring. The restless sea of the Gentle nations and its tribal waves are roaring because of the seething spirit of unrest. The trouble is not capitalism but that they have no peace at heart; the way of peace they have not known.

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RIOTS IN AUSTRIA

One hundred twenty-nine men were killed in Austria as a result of a severe political uprising. It seems as politics in the form of socialism, fascism, communism, and Hitlerism have destroyed both national and international fellowship, destroying at the same time the hope of world peace.

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KNEE ACTION

A noted improvement on automobiles is what is known as "knee action" on front wheels, thus allowing each wheel to operate independent of the other which removes the shock from the opposite wheel and confines it to the one striking the bump or uneven road surface. Knee action is nothing new. All God's saints are familiar with it. It is true that the knee action of prayer removes the terrific blow from one's neighbor or fellowman, and not only does it do this, but it decidedly lightens the blow itself on individuals who chance to travel over uneven or uncertain roads in life's pathway. The result from this late invention provides easier riding for occupants of the automobile. The results of those who pray provides a more blessed fellowship of Christian and brotherly kindness towards the whole of mankind. The automobile is much like a human, the spark that fires the gases is likened to the Holy Spirit operating thru and firing human energy, using it to the salvation of souls.

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THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

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blood of the sin offering, as directed in the 30th chapter of Exodus. But, before entering upon this second grand department of his priesthood, he lifted up his hands towards the people, and blessed them. It was a very significant act. It was as if he were emptying over them from his bloody hands all the effects and virtues of that blood. "It leads our thoughts to the time when our great High Priest, with His people, stood round their altar upon Olivet, lifting up those hands so lately stained with blood, blessing them before He left them, and as He left them still blessing them! But having thus spread His hands in blessings towards the people, Aaron 'went into the tabernacle,' and was hidden from the view of the solemn worshippers. How beautiful the connection between type and anti-type!" Of Christ it is written, "He lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven;" "while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

As Aaron entered into the tabernacle with the atoning blood of the victim slain without, even so "Christ being come an High Priest of good things which were to come, entered into a greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands; not by the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood," to appear in the presence of God for us. Aaron went into the tabernacle after the morning sacrifices were made; "but before the evening sacrifices" he came out again, and blessed the people waiting outside. Concerning this grand event Dr. Seiss has said the following: "When I read of Aaron returning from his duties in the holy place, the words of the bright angels that kept guard at the Savior's ascension gather new preciousness. 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.' Our Lord will come again. 'A little while,' said he, 'and ye shall not see me, and again a little while and ye shall see me.'"

Out of the Holy of Holies some day He will come, to reveal Himself to His waiting, praying people, who have trusted His blood as their only sin offering. He was crucified at the time of the morning sacrifice, and in some sense it was certainly a new day, a morning of grace; a new day had dawned for all mankind; "good news to all people" could now be proclaimed through His death. He was taken down at the time of the evening sacrifice. Both the morning and evening sacrifice met in Him. Will His return from the Sanctuary of God not occur again in the evening of the age? and at the time of the "opening of the fountain for sin and uncleanness unto the house of David"? And will not His coming in the end of the age, when He will reveal Himself to His ancient people, opening unto them the benefits of the "fountain of his blood," not be to them the day of atonement mentioned in Leviticus 23: 27? Following this event will he not "remove the iniquity of that land (Israel) in one day"?

The Manner of His Coming

From our text we learn that Jesus will come again "in the clouds." These speak of deity, of the mysteries of God shut off from us only as they are revealed by His Spirit. Nevertheless, Christ is shrouded in that mystery, it is a part of His divine nature; in that mysterious clothing He left us, completely overwhelmed and hidden from our view. "Who maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the winds," Ps. 104:3. From 1 Thess. we learn that we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The Purpose of His Coming

As we intimated at the outset, His coming is "to receive us" unto Himself, to take us to that place He has prepared for us, to lift us from sorrow and the many perplexing and distressing things of this life to the higher, heavenly and better plain. His coming is for His faithful ones, for His Church, that He may present it unto Himself, "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish," Eph. 5:27. As the Church has shared the "fellowship of his sufferings" and the humiliation of His cross and the stigma incurred

by embracing it; even so it shall share in His glory.

When will He Come?

Many hungry hearts have sighed for an answer. The disciples asked this question while He was here upon earth with them. They say, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3. The two angels told us He would come again. Jesus Himself shouted back to John on the lonely Isle of Patmos, saying, "Behold I come quickly," Rev. 22:20. To us it has been a long time and He has not come yet. To Him it has been but "a little while." We may gather from His answer to His disciples, that His coming would be after the rising of "nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom," after famines, "pestilences and earthquakes in divers places." These have long continued, and close on the heels of these troublesome times He follows with something more dreadful, saying, "All these are the beginning of travail." The whole world is in such a state now; it will, however, increase as Jesus tarries within the veil. The political strife of nations as they wrestle each other's rights aside, clamoring for more power and privilege, will continue until conditions will no longer permit His bride, who has been faithful in the "toil of the night," to remain upon earth. Then He will come. After all has been done to test our patience and love, after we have suffered sufficiently to show forth the fruits of His Spirit and love, then He will take us away. Until He is satisfied, we can but labor and wait.

The disciples looked wistfully upward, watching His glorious flight upward until they were interrupted by the angels, who said, "Why stand ye gazing?" It would seem as if they were forbidden to do so. The High Priest, who was entering the Holy of Holies, might not be followed into that sacred inclosure; it was an intrusion into sacred things for them to do so, therefore, their gaze was questionable. They could not and must not intrude. They might appear there in their spiritual fellowship, but not to intrude by person or by human gaze. The time of His coming for His Church is no doubt nigh; but it is a love secret. He has not told us; therefore, we may not tell it unto others. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not

the angels of heaven; but my Father only."

A Warning

His command is, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come," Matt. 24:42. We are further warned in Luke 21:36, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Like the disciples who waited and watched as He went up, and were commanded to preach the gospel unto all nations, while He tarried in the Holy of Holies, before He would return to earth again; each of us has a work to do, a work of prayer and ready-making, first for our ourselves, secondly for others. If we may not enter "the Holy of Holies" with Him in person, we may each enter into "the secret chamber" of prayer, and God who seeth will reward us openly. By so doing we shall alone be ready for His coming. "Then shall two be in the field; the one

shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left." Why one taken and the other one left? The answer is simple, one is ready and the other is not. Watch therefore.

Where will He Come

Into the air, 1 Thess. 4:17. Isaac, who was the prototype of Christ, went out to meditate in the field at the eventide, and he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, the camels were coming. Abraham's servant was returning with his bride. The Holy Ghost is preparing the bride of Christ today; when she is ready He will meet her in the air. And so shall we ever remain with the Lord. "The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold (divine). She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework." Ps. 45:13, 14. "Fine linen is the righteousness of the saints," Rev. 19:8. Let your garment always be white.

be placed until he shall come and set up his kingdom, but we feel assured that Jesus will come for His own before the real mark of the beast will be placed on any one. Rev. 3:8, latter clause, "Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." V. 10, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation (tribulation), which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." (The marginal reading is tribulation.) This shows that in this Philadelphia period Jesus has promised to keep His people from that awful tribulation that shall come upon all the world.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:34-36.

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain," Isa. 26:20, 21.

This proves beyond a doubt that there will be a tribulation, a time of trials, and that God's special people will be kept and raptured before it takes place. The first inkling we have of this trial is Daniel's vision. His vision was divided into three periods: first seventy weeks; seven of those weeks, forty-nine years, Ezra and Nehemiah rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem in troublesome times. Sixty-two weeks, four hundred thirty-two years, brings us up to the crucifixion. This fulfills the birth and manifestation of Christ. Dan. 9:26 is obviously an indeterminate period. It says wars and desolations are determined. This certainly fits the time that we are now in. There is no scripture anywhere that tells when the Church Age will end and the 70th week begin, but when we look at the disturbance and confusion in

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gone over the top and we hear every day from different churches over the States that are successfully working out their plans to pay their quota. How our hearts rejoice to think that in 1934, if Jesus tarries, every debt of the Church will be paid. I feel that we ought to have a day of jubilee and thank God for making it possible to lift this heavy burden of debt.

There are many problems confronting the Church. We are continually receiving inquiries from different ones concerning the many things that are confronting them. One question that is giving us much prayer and concern now is the labor question. The National Recovery Act is putting forth every effort possible to create jobs for the unemployed. Many of our dear people are confronted with the labor union proposition. The Assembly has decided that our members could become members of labor unions where it is necessary to obtain employment. We wish to advise our people to steer as clear of these things as possible. On the other hand, the national labor organization has the approval of the heads of this government and they are asking all labor to organize if they wish protection. The

clash is on between the starving masses and the syndicates and trusts of this United States. Our people should be much in prayer over these things. Surely God will not let us make a mistake and cause our people to be entangled with anything that would cause them to lose their victory.

After much consideration and prayer we have advised some of our state overseers that our people steer as clear of these things as possible, but where they have joined this union that they be asked not to take any part in strikes and riots, but that no one be disfellowshipped for uniting with these unions until the Assembly can meet in council and there pray out some plan by which we can be safe and assured of the favors of God. This is a serious question. The whole country seems to be in the valley of decision, and in my judgment the enemy of all righteousness is working, while on the other hand the Holy Spirit is also working and arranging and planning and organizing a great people that will be able to be overcomers and go up to meet the Lord, but it is a serious question.

There will be no danger of any one taking the mark of the beast at this time for his mark will not

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

COPPERHILL, Tenn.—A five weeks' revival closed at Copperhill Jan. 21 conducted by Edith Standridge from Akron, O. It was a great success. Twenty-one were saved, thirty-one sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen added to the church, and the church greatly built up. Friends were gained for the church and others are expecting to come into the church. Sister Standridge is fine in a revival. She has been preaching only a few months but we are proud of her work here. She has a hearty welcome back to Copperhill by most all the city. Pray that no stumblingblock will fall in the way of her progress in the evangelistic work.—J. A. Tarpley, pastor.

FRANKFIELD, Jam. B. W. L.—I am glad to say the saints here have been wonderfully revived. We are looking forward to great success. New arrangements have been made by our district overseer for the improvement of the church. Our prayer meeting on Jan. 9 was entirely guided by the Holy Ghost. There was shouting, dancing, speaking in tongues and interpretation. Many saints testified of the glory they felt. Saints, please pray for the church at Desire, that she may rise and shine.—Yours for the advancement of the cause, F. I. Whyte, clerk.

AUSTINVILLE, Va.—We praise the Lord for the good revival that has just closed at the Church of God at Shorts Creek with our pastor, Brother John Dalton, in charge. The devil tried to hinder but we held on till victory was won and five saved, some sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, one backslider reclaimed, two baptized in water, and one added to the church. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We are more encouraged than ever before. The work surely is moving on. We have a good Sunday School now. I thank God for a few who will stand foursquare. He kept us through all the trials last year when it seemed so hard. Please pray that I will stay in the center of His will.—A sister, Mrs. W. P. Grimes.

GREAT FALLS, S. C.—I thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister T. V. McCormick and wife to this little town with the gospel. Jesus has found a place in my home which is happy now but used to be miserable. I thank Him for our little place of worship. Our church is young but we have a nice little Sunday School. We want God's children to join us in prayer that men and women will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost here.—One who loves the Lord, R. G. Ellis.

Brother Earl Paulk who is pastoring Alma and New Lacy, Ga. churches, informs us that they are having some wonderful revivals in that part of Georgia. About thirty or more have been filled with the Holy Ghost and equally that many have come into the church. They will soon have a nice new church building at one of the churches. Thank the Lord for these wonderful blessings.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—I thank the Lord for the wonderful revival that closed Sunday night. Brother Atkins has held a revival for three weeks. We certainly thank the Lord for the blessings that we received. God saved and sanctified me in this revival. Others were saved, sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. Our church here at Wake Forest does not have a Y. P. E. Please pray that God will open up a Y. P. E. here. Pray for me also to receive the precious Holy Ghost.—Pauline Weaver.

PINEVIEW, Ga.—I am just praising God for the two revivals held at Alma and New Lacy in December and January. Brother Paulk did the preaching. He gave out the Word without fear and it did not return void. Old ladies who had been sanctified for years went to the altar and received the Holy Ghost. I expect to meet some of those precious ones who came to God during these revivals around the great white throne. There were fifteen converted and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost in the Alma meeting. Seventeen were converted and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost in the New Lacy meeting.

Twenty-five or more are to be baptized. Out at Zion in the same district they have almost completed a new church. The people at the three churches are certainly fortunate to have such a man as Brother Paulk for their pastor. He is doing a great work down there. The writer was in charge of the music during these revivals.—Your sister in His service, Mary Mitchell.

ROCKMART, Ga.—We had a wonderful meeting tonight. Three were saved, one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. We surely thank the Lord. We feel that He is in our midst. Please pray a special prayer for our church.—A sister, Liddie B. Puckett, Rt. 4.

SALINE, Ky.—We give our God the praise for our wonderful revival. Fifteen were saved, nineteen sanctified, and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. I set a church in order with twenty-two members, also organized a Y. P. E. and Sunday School. Fifteen were baptized in water. We had good string music and large crowds. Pray for us.—Carl M. Hughes, evangelist.

Special Notice

To the ministry in my territory: I am taking this means of calling your attention to the 40c per member drive. I think Hebron, N. Dak. won the medal for being first in North Dakota, but the rest are coming along, I am sure. Do not neglect this or let up on making the drive until you have accomplished your task. We want to be 100 per cent loyal and the sooner we get this burden off the better we will all feel. Do not wait until the state assembly to raise your amount. You might decide for a change in pastorate or be placed elsewhere and the man that takes your place would have the burden to carry that you should have carried, and perhaps he has carried it once and twice would be unfair to him. Please do not neglect this. I shall ask all the laity that reads this, that if you haven't paid your 40c, do so as soon as possible and get the debt paid. I shall look to you for hearty cooperation. Send money to Headquarters.—Your brother, Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

REPORT OF MIAMI DIST. CONVENTION

The Miami district convention convened at the Coconut Grove church, Jan. 19-21 with our state overseer in charge. The services were filled with God's presence all the way thru the convention. It opened Friday evening at seven-thirty with good old-time singing and music with Brother Mortenson in charge. In the very first song the presence of the Lord was there. Brother M. M. Mortenson, pastor of the Coconut Grove church, gave the welcome. Brother Morris Wiggins, pastor of the church at Lake City, gave the response. This was followed by an old-time praise service in which the people expressed themselves as being welcome. The pastor and members of the Coconut Grove church proved by their untiring efforts that we were welcome. Then near eight o'clock Brother Latimer, our General Overseer, brought the message.

At the time announced Saturday morning the saints began to gather in for service, and after songs and prayer we were favored with a wonderful praise service conducted by Brother Hodges, pastor of the church at Chokoloskee. This brother is full of heavenly fire and glory and he wasn't up long until the fire began to fall. O my! what a wonderful time we had with the Lord. At the eleven o'clock service Brother T. P. Douglas brought the message on "The Importance of Work." Brother Douglas proved his ability in handling this subject which was food to our souls.

In the afternoon we gathered at the hour announced. After songs and prayer we entered in the preachers' conference. We gathered again at seven o'clock for the evening service and after songs, prayer, and thanksgiving we were favored by a soul-stirring message on "Missions" by Brother Raney, our missionary to the Bahama Islands. The good Lord surely placed His approval on this message which was followed with a good offering for this work, amounting to near twenty-seven dollars. We truly thank the good Lord for this offering. Brother R. P. Johnson brought us a wonderful message from the text Phil. 4:19. Our souls feasted as Brother Johnson sat and proclaimed the wonderful truth to us, showing how God has supplied the need of all down thru the ages.

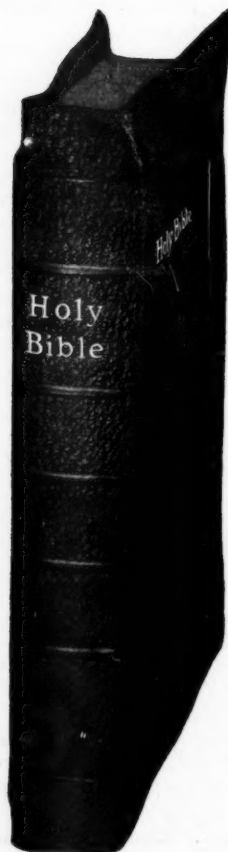
On Sunday morning shortly after Sunday School Brother Williams gave a soul-stirring message on "The Signs of the Times." This was another wonderful message. The Holy Ghost put His approval and seal on this message until our souls were stirred within us. Truly we are near the coming of the Lord. We were dismissed at noon for lunch and as we went out to that long table (sixty-five feet) filled with good things to eat we were made to think of the Scripture Isa. 1:19, "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land."

We assembled shortly after lunch and after songs and a season of prayer we had the reporting of the churches. Each pastor came to the platform with his representatives and gave the report of his church. Our hearts were made to rejoice as we listened to the good reports from each church. Best of all, each church in this district was one hundred per cent with their general indebtedness

and mission quota. I believe we are the first district in the state to go over the top in this drive, so come on preachers and we can put the entire state over one hundred per cent.

We assembled at seven o'clock for the evening service. After a season of good string music and singing we were called to prayer. We were favored by an address to the young people by Brother Mortenson which was to the point as well as instructive. This was followed by the writer with a few words of exhortation from Heb. 2:1 after which our state overseer made an altar call. Twelve came forward for prayer. Then came the close of the convention. To say this was a wonderful convention would be making it mild. I believe it was the best district convention I was ever in.—W. D. Childers.

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JAMAICA, B.W.I.—The annual convention of the Church of God convened at the Coconut Grove church, namesake of the Coconut Grove church in Florida. No wonder Isaiah the prophet says, Come let us reason together. This convention convened from Jan. 23-25. When the date arrived we were looking for our General Overseer, and prayed many prayers that God would bring him to us safely. And we are thankful God brought him to us safely. On the 23d our beloved state overseer, Brother Z. R. Thomas, and General Overseer, Brother S. W. Latimer, made their arrival and God's people started gathering from different parts of the island. I could not say how many were present but several hundred were there.

Service started at seven-thirty o'clock Friday evening, Jan. 23rd. The welcome address was given by Samuel H. Harris and S. A. Robertson. By this time the building and the booth that was attached to the building was filled to its utmost capacity. Oh! the waves of glory started to roll over our souls. Our dear beloved General Overseer then gave the introductory sermon. Though he is our General Overseer he is a very humble man of God and truly anointed by the Spirit of the Lord. Can we who were there forget such a message of love? No, it was God-given to each heart. One woman confessed afterward that his sermon, the General Overseer's, touched her heart and she would have to fall in line with us. Jamaica people certainly love Brother Latimer.

On the 24th, Wednesday, service opened at seven-thirty a. m. with songs and prayer. We had the call of the churches from eight o'clock. All the pastors spoke well concerning their work on the field. God is certainly doing some good work in the Island of Jamaica. Our finance is very slow. If we only had a little finance we could double our membership and churches this year. Say if you folks over in the States would like your church to have a namesake in Jamaica like Coconut Grove, then why not get in touch

with our state overseer, Z. R. Thomas, Kingston, Jam., B.W.I.? He will tell you how it can be done. At ten o'clock general instructions by the state overseer were given and our General Overseer gave a wonderful message. At twelve o'clock there was an intermission.

We gathered again at one-thirty with songs and prayer. At two o'clock a sermon, "The Fall of Man" was given by C. T. Johnson. We then had another sermon "Destruction of the World" by Theo. Mundle. Brother A. J. Davidson preached a sermon on "The Tower of Babel" followed by N. Archer on "Call of Abram." Then we had a sermon by Edward Larmin on "Trait of Abraham's Faith."

We resumed services at seven o'clock. We had songs and prayer. The program read "Message and Messenger to be selected," and who do you think was the messenger? Our beloved General Overseer. He brought us some very deep things from the Bible. I can't forget some of them. May God bless him until we shall meet where there will be no parting.

On Thursday, Jan. 25th, we had songs and prayer. We then had the following sermon's "Joseph's Journey" Mrs. L. E. Hudson; "Journey of the Ten Brethren to Egypt" by the writer; "Benjamin's Journey to Egypt" H. A. Hudson; "Jacob's Journey to Egypt" C. T. King. From ten until twelve o'clock we had a ten-minute talk from each minister whose name was not on the program, after which we had a short tarrying meeting. Quite a few got thru to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

At two-thirty we had ministers' meeting. We had never had one before so this service was carried out by the General Overseer. Listen, this was the cream of the convention and any minister who wasn't present let me say to you, you certainly missed something precious, because such instructions come from heaven, coming with love and godly fear and are very good for us Jamaica preachers.

We met again Thursday evening at seven-thirty. We had a message

on the "Tribulation" by our General Overseer. Oh yes! the convention as a whole was a success from start to finish. Say, dear Brother Latimer, if your life is spared and we see another year we will be looking for you next year. Pray for us in Jamaica.—S. A. Robertson, district pastor, Blackwoods, Beckford Kraal P. O., Jam., B.W.I.

MEMORIES

Shall I sit in sadness alway
Thinking of the days of yore?
Or shall I brighten moments given,
Dispelling gloom galore?

Because my life is swiftly passing
And time will not await,
Should not I look at bright tomorrow,
Or shall I murmur at my fate?

If happy days my lot has been,
Sorrow at times must come;
All things work together for good
To those who overcome.

So come what will, I'll press along
The way laid out for me,
And turn my eyes to that fair land
Where with Jesus I'll be free.

—Clara Mullikin.

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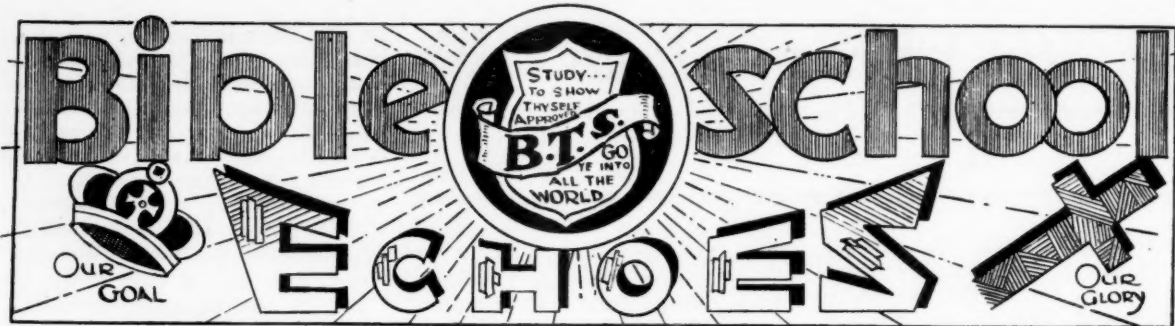
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James L. Beckton, Mildred Blackwell, Carminetta Best, Bessie Branson, Madge Carson, Katie Cooper, James Cross, Lois Dixon, Johnnie Dorman, Ruth Holt, Joseph Kisser, Pearl Miller, Horatio Mitchell, Edith Moore, Maudelle Morse, G. G. Patton, W. E. Raney, Paul Schiewek, Rachel Sharp, E. M. Tapley, Dorothy Torgerson, Thelma Cockerell, Eva Dixon, Elsie Ralph.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

I am delighted to report that under the supervision of our competent teacher we are making rapid progress and gaining in efficiency. We have just finished an examination on shorthand and will take the rest next week.

I wish to correct a mistake which appeared in the report last week. Instead of there being three of the six commercial students from Florida, there are five.

One of our commercial students has the measles but the case is not serious.—Walter Thomas, reporter.

PROPHECY CLASS

Brother H. L. Whittington and Brother Paul Stover of S. Carolina made us a visit which we enjoyed very much. That morning our subject was "The Trinity," and Brother Whittington and Brother Walker both gave some interesting facts on questions which had been asked.

The sad part about this class is that we have finished our book,

had our last lesson Feb. 8. This brings afresh the thought that the close of this term of school is almost here and we do not like to think of such a thing for friends will have to say good-bye and probably never see each other again this side of Jordan's chilly tide. But we live in hope of meeting our friends over yonder.

We are looking forward to the lectures which are to be given by Brother Walker on Revelation during the rest of this school term.

We would like to invite any one who can to come to B. T. S. for the next term. A welcome awaits you at the best school in the world. Pray for us.—R. E. Lovell, reporter.

Dear Evangel readers, I truly praise God for being in B. T. S. I also praise Him for being saved and sanctified. I request the prayers of every child of God. Pray especially that God will fill me with the precious Holy Ghost.—Smiley Case, Verdery, S. C.

COST OF REDEMPTION

We find in 1 Peter 1:18 these words, "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ."

We were hopelessly lost. There was no way for redemption until "God gave His only Son, that whosoever believed should not perish but have everlasting life." How like Jesus to come down and pay the price for redemption for guilty men. If we had cost much more I am afraid we would have been doomed. We were bought at an infinite price. God gave all He had. Heaven was practically bankrupted to buy us.

To understand and realize the price paid for our redemption we must first study to realize the cost

of the soul. Some may say, "I've heard that over and over. It's an old story to me." That is the trouble, I'm afraid, of a good many of us. We have heard the gospel preached and preached until we have become more or less used to the gospel. What we need to do is to realize the full meaning of what we have heard.

Matt. 16:26, "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We are unable to grasp the contents of "the whole world," that is beyond us. The whole world includes all its areas, forests, rivers, minerals, its oceans, all its commerce, buildings, money, stocks, races, religions, and government. The whole world includes everything on the planet. Over against that Jesus puts one human soul. But, He did not simply say, What if a man should own the whole world. He said that if a man should gain the whole world, by marvel of his achievement, come into control and possession, realize complete ownership to the fullest, and then lose his soul, had lost all. Oh, what a priceless thing is a soul! Jesus paid the price that redeemed lost souls. The only way to estimate the cost is to look at the pale faced victim on Calvary. No one has ever walked the planet yet who had a just sense of value except Jesus. It did not take one drop only, but His outpoured blood. It cost so much that in His agony on the cross the earth trembled, rocks broke, and mountains shook. The sun grew dark. Jesus was under such a strain of sacrifice the universe almost stopped its course. Don't ask your neighbor or some preacher, but look to Calvary's cross and there you can estimate the cost of a soul.

Jesus was both human and divine. He loved, was pleased and grieved also. He hungered and

slept. He became weary and sat at the well. No doubt He blistered His hands at His father's carpenter shop. He wept, and last He tasted death to its bitterest dregs.

There is such a thing as mental suffering. Too often we have dwelt upon physical sufferings of Jesus and not the deeper sufferings. We can suffer physical pain, and after we are well we lose, to an extent, the deepness of the physical pain we suffered. When we are not suffering we do not feel the pain as we did when ill. There is no physical pain to mental suffering, yet the suffering is keener. A mother's son may go on in sin and dissipation, trample on his mother's prayers and finally be brought home on a stretcher, killed in a drunken brawl. How that mother's heart will ache. She did not get drunk. She had suffered no physical pain, but her heart aches. Often the innocent suffer more than the guilty. Jesus was not the one who had sinned, yet He had the price to pay. He was the one who suffered for the sin that was committed.

We must remember He first came and was rejected by His own. During His three years' ministry He was abased, His actions were often misconstrued. How His sensitive, unselfish soul must have suffered! Unless we could undergo the same experience we cannot realize the sorrow Jesus suffered to know His own people refused Him, would not own Him, and then at last He was betrayed by one of His own twelve disciples chosen by Him.

In the garden of Gethsemane His sweat became as drops of blood, and He cried, "If it be possible let this cup pass from me." It was not because Jesus was afraid to die. That was not the secret of His suffering, but the secret lies in the fact that Jesus was meeting sin and bearing sin for all of us. Sin causes suffering, and as Jesus was bearing a multitude of sins, no wonder He cried out in agony. It was not just one sin, but sin of all cities, all villages, all nations, races, and tongues. In the last hour as He hung on the cross and lifted His head and said, "It is finished," no doubt there was a triumphant look on His face. Love, sacrificial and unselfish, held Him to the cross stronger than those iron nails. Love had conquered hate. Heaven and hell had met. Heaven was victorious. The earth had been redeemed and mankind

bought from self-sold slavery. God's truth was established for all ages. Jesus paid the cost of redemption.

He bought it with His own blood. He purchased this earth and some day He is coming back to possess this earth. He shall be owned as Lord and King. All evil forces shall be destroyed. Satan will be bound. Jesus shall set up His kingdom and rule and reign unmolested. I want to live so I can reign with Him, don't you?—Mildred Murphree, Birmingham, Ala.

BEING FAITHFUL TO THE TRUST

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the world, it is very evident that we are near the close of the church age. All the governments of the world are in confusion and many congressmen and statesmen are declaring that we need a dictator in government, and almost every nation of any note today has a superman who seems to have the mind and ability to organize and to devise plans for his government. The problem that is confronting them is not the production of the country because there is an abundant supply in every land, but the improper distribution and hoarding up of crops, the withholding from the poor, has brought millions of people into suffering. Now the problem is to lift this burden and give proper distribution to the needy. The marketing of crops, the efforts to bring profits to the producers, is a problem that is unsolved.

The man of sin is spoken of in 2 Thess. 2:8-10, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." The first inkling we have of the time he is to continue is in the 27th verse of Daniel 9, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the

desolate." This of course is the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy and is concerning God's people the Jews after they have returned to Palestine and we are sure the rapture will take place before this man of sin appears.

Daniel 8:23-25 describes the great mind of the king of fierce countenance and tells what he will have power to do. Craft certainly has lost its balance and that is one of the things that is needed to make this world prosper. We don't read of the church any more on earth after the third chapter of Revelation. The fourth and fifth chapters describe the raptured saints in heaven. If you will read them I am sure you will see that this order is around the throne in heaven. There is not a seal broken until the first verse in the sixth chapter, and this man on the white horse is the man of sin. The first three and one half years will be peaceful and prosperous. In the middle of the seven years the second seal will be broken and peace taken from the earth and then God's fury will be poured out upon the wicked and those who fail to embrace His truth and mercy, and it is at this time, or approximately so, that the mark will be placed on all those who are subject to the beast and his rules. Rev. 13:11-15 is a description of the false prophet who will have power to do great things and deceive many. In Rev. 13:16, 17 we find the placing of the mark upon all the subjects of the beast and every man that will not receive this mark will not be able to buy nor sell and of course finally will be slain for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Now I want to say in conclusion that all these worldly powers are working now and it would pay us as Christians to be prayerful so that we are not overcome and that we still retain our good experience and be ready to go with Jesus and miss all these things that are coming upon the children of disobedience.

Request

Please pray a special prayer for my sister to be healed as she has trusted the Lord for eight years and knows He can heal. Her affliction is in her legs and feet. Pray for me that I will get closer to the Lord and will be just what He would have me be.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Mollie Herndon, West Frankfort, Ill.

~:~ Sunday School Lesson ~:~

LESSON 8

FEBRUARY 25

THE TWELVE SENT FORTH

TEXT: Matt. 9:35-10:8, 32, 33. — MEMORY VERSE: John 15:14

TIME: Early in 29: A. D. — PLACE: Galilee.

GOLDEN TEXT: The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. —Matt. 9:37, 38.

LEADING THOUGHT: There is no higher calling than that of preaching the gospel.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

JESUS TEACHING AND HEALING IN GALILEE

V. 35. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages." Galilee was thickly populated having many cities and villages. "Teaching in their synagogues." These were readily opened to Him by the synagogue rulers or local elders. "And preaching the gospel of the kingdom;" i. e., the good news that the reign of God was to be set upon earth, and a reign of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit was to take the place of the present evil reign. Cf. Rom. 14:17; Eph. 2:2 with Gal. 1:4. "And healing every sickness and every disease among the people." Christ was not a quack physician nor was He a specialist. He was, however, clothed with power that He might destroy the works of the devil, 1 John 3:8; Heb. 2:14; Acts 10:38.

V. 36. "But when he saw the multitudes." Such a character as Jesus had no need of recreation parlors or moving pictures in the Church to gather a crowd. He was a man of the people and went after them by supplying their physical and spiritual needs thus proving Himself a friend to sinners, therefore multitudes followed Him. "He was moved with compassion on them." "Compassion is a combination of sorrow, sympathy and love. It is more than pity. Pity is a commiseration toward an inferior; compassion is sympathy toward a brother man. Pity hears the cry, 'Man overboard!' in mid-ocean, and helplessly leans over the railing with pain-convulsed features; compassion flings off its coat and leaps to the rescue of the drowning man. Pity sees a brutal master beating the faithful animal he drives, and is sorry without saying so; compassion seizes the driver by the coat collar and hands him over to the police."—Rev. John Snape, D.D. "Because they fainted;" i. e., were distressed. "And were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." The Jewish leaders had no power. Their code of religious teaching was mere formalism. These were wolves which Christ the Good Shepherd would not recognize. He knew that the people had no shepherd to lead them into green pastures. See Ezek. 36:5; Num. 27:17. Christ as the Good Shepherd laid down His life for the sheep.

A PLENTEOUS HARVEST

V. 37. "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous but

the laborers are few." There were many professors in Israel, many false prophets but men with an inward zeal and compassion for souls who could enter into comradeship with Christ were few.

V. 38. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Laborers who are spiritually able can only be born out of the spirit of prayer and communion with Christ. Christ who could have called and received at His command twelve legion of angels to help Him (Matt. 26:53) recognized the possibility of laborers being sent forth by request or petition.

THE TWELVE SENT—Matt. 10:1-8

V. 1. "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples." The number corresponds to the twelve tribes of Israel and is known in spiritual arithmetic as the number of governmental order, and certainly the twelve disciples were used in these offices. The twelve had already been chosen. These were to be heads of the tribes of a new Israel, Rev. 21:14. He gave them power over unclean spirits to cast them out. Sin and sickness originated with Satan and his entrance into the human heart. If men are to be successful ministers with Christ they must first have power to deal with devils, their opponents in the ministry. "And heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." The gospels only mention the commission and certain limited healings. The best view of the apostles' ministry is shown in Acts of the apostles, after their endowment of power from on high, Luke 24:49; Acts 2:4, 5, 12, 16.

V. 2. "Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first Simon, who is called Peter." He was a fisherman of Bethsaida, then living in Capernaum. The name Peter means a rock, a possible reference to his fidelity to Christ and his sturdy character. He was a leader among the Twelve, "a bold, outspoken, impulsive man, yet a man subject to deplorable fits of weakness and cowardice." "And Andrew his brother." Andrew and Peter were sons of John or Jonah, possibly dead at the time of their calling. "James the son of Zebedee." He was a brother of John and also a fisherman, a man of fiery disposition, therefore called "Boanerges or sons of thunder." It is thought that this also led to his being the first martyr. "And John his brother." John was the greatest of all the New Testament writers. It was said of him that when he began to write he always put

the church to praying, and that then he soared up among the clouds and wrote. Such is particularly true in the Gospel of John, the Epistles, and especially so in Revelation, the book which bears his name.

V. 3. "Philip." A Greek name meaning a "lover of horses," seldom mentioned. He found and led Nathanel to Jesus. "And Bartholomew." "The son of Tolami." His name was formerly Nathanel to whom Christ gave the praise of being an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile. He was a devout Jew, a student of the written Word, of thoughtful disposition and prayerful habits. "Thomas." A Hebrew word meaning "twin;" same as the Greek Didymus, John 11:16. Of his twin brother we are told nothing. Thomas was known as "doubting Thomas" because he was slow to believe concerning the promises of Christ. When he was convinced of Christ's resurrection he uttered the noble exclamation, "My Lord and my God," John 20:28. "And Matthew the publican." Formerly a tax-gatherer for the Romans, the writer of the gospel bearing his name and whose conversion and feast given in his own house we have already studied in a former lesson. It is worthy of note that in his gospel he added to his name the despised term "publican." James the son of Alphaeus," or James the Less, "And Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus." He was probably the same as Lebbaeus and Jude referred to in other of the list of the gospel writers. He was possibly the author of the book of Jude.

V. 4. "Simon the Canaanite." Formerly known as a "Zealots" because he belonged to a party of fierce Jewish nationalists who bitterly hated the Romans and were striving to throw off their yoke. "And Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him." He came from Kerioth in Judea, possibly the only disciple who was not a Galilean. Who also betrayed Him, of whom Jesus said, "It had been good for that man if he had not been born." His story makes no mention of another such foul deed as the betrayal of his Lord. Among the apostles in their early lives was almost all conceivable human traits. Jesus beheld in them the good coupled with His own omnipotent hand to make them overcome. This should encourage and inspire others of us who are cognizant of human weakness.

V. 5. "These twelve Jesus sent forth." Here promoted from their previous call to discipleship to that of the apostleship. "And commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles." That is, they were not to go north to Syria nor into Tyre or Sidon to do their preaching. "Let the children first be filled" was the motive of Christ, a reference to the seed of Abraham. To the Jew first was the Apostle Paul's slogan. Mark 7:27. For the Gentile commission see Matt. 28:19. "And into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not." These inhabited central Palestine. Christ sought to avert confusion, among the early disciples over race prejudices, John 4:9. The Samaritans who

were momentarily excluded were later included in world-wide evangelism, Acts 1:8.

V. 6. "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." These were lost thru perdition of the elders and a lack of conception of the inspired plan and purpose of Jehovah in Old Testament sacrifices, types and shadows.

V. 7. "And as ye go preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand." "The kingdom of heaven at hand" could mean nothing more nor less than a reign of righteousness, peace and love which Christ came to earth to establish and by His earnest seeking the lost sheep might readily be gathered into this kingdom.

V. 8. "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." Christ transmitted to them His own supernatural power proving Himself to be the Savior of mankind by meeting their needs and able to establish the kingdom of heaven by now casting out devils in Satan's anti-kingdom. "Freely ye received freely give." A reference to divine power

given to them which they might freely pass on to others to share its benefit.

CONFESSING CHRIST

V. 32. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men." Our testimony and confession is not of ourselves but solely concerning Christ. "Him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." A possible reference to our reception into sonship, Rom. 8:17; Rev. 21:7. He does not only confess us before our Father in heaven but also into a close relationship with Himself and before the angels of heaven in a position of majesty and omnipotence.

V. 33. "But whosoever shall deny me before men." That is, to deny His spiritual authority and divine Sonship, thus refusing to accept the atonement for sin by acknowledging our sinfulness. "Him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Here is equal ground. Our allegiance to Christ in a kingdom of humiliation either qualifies or disqualifies us concerning eternal glory. He does not angrily threaten or condemn us but warns us concerning woeful miseries.

an efficient worker in the organization and will do all I can to make it a success for the glory of God.

6. Having promised my support to this worthy cause, I agree that any failure on my part to carry out said obligation will be a mark of dishonor and that I should be dismissed from the organization.

We have a splendid band of young people who repeated this pledge and we believe they will live up to it for they are real conscientious, consecrated workers for God and His Church. We are praying and believing for great things this year. So come on young people, let's reinforce our ranks, strengthen the weak places and go over the top for Jesus in this battle for truth and right that we might win souls for Him and be found ready when He comes. Here is our motto:

Endeavor to watch, to pray, and to fight,
Endeavor to work with all our might,
Endeavor to win every soul that we can
That sheaves we might bring when before Him we stand.

We covet your prayers that we might do just what our motto says.—Humbly yours, Mrs. Nell Trail, reporter, 1107 Scott St.

BIBLE STUDY

Subject: "The Word Incarnate."

I. ITS ORIGIN—GOD.

- a. Was God. John 1:1.
- b. Was with God. John 1:2
- c. Made flesh. John 1:14.

II. ITS MANIFESTATION.

- a. Made flesh. John 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16.
- b. The begotten of God. John 1:18.
- c. The express image of God. Heb. 1:3.
- d. His eternal name. Rev. 19:13.

III. ITS PURPOSE.

- a. To impart grace. John 1:16.
- b. To impart grace and truth. John 1:17.
- c. To make us sons of God. John 1:12.
- d. To give us a new birth. John 1:13.
- e. To provide divine sacrifice. John 3:16.
- f. To reveal God in human terms. John 1:18.
- g. To reveal God's love for sinners. Rev. 5:8-10.

IV. ITS RESULT.

- a. We received spirit of adoption. Gal. 4:5.
- b. Made us sons of God. John 1:12; 1 John 3:2.
- c. Joint heirs with Christ. Rom. 8:17.
- d. Made us fellow citizens with saints. Eph. 2:19

V. OUR REWARD.

- a. Eternal life. Rom. 6:23.
- b. We shall reign in life. Rom. 5:21
- c. Shall be like Him. 1 John 3:2.

LOOKING FOR WORK TO MOVE FORWARD

ELDORADO, Ill.—Praise the Lord for the Y. P. E. at Eldorado. Ill. Our pastor called a meeting of the young people on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 31st, for the purpose of reorganizing our Endeavor. While we had been having some wonderful services, we felt the need of starting the new year with a new plan to keep our young people interested and working.

We have three divisions or groups—the Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors, each with a group leader and an assistant. Then we have an Honorary Group for those over the Y. P. E. age. Each group is to furnish a program once a month and we are expecting some real interesting and inspiring Bible programs. Following is our pledge or rule of membership:

1. As a member of the Church of God Y. P. E. I promise my word and honor that I will support the organization in every way that is consistent for me to do so.
2. I will respect its meetings by attending when it is possible and solemnly promise that I will be orderly in each service I attend and will respect the house of God and the officers of the organization.
3. I will submit to the wise counsel of those in authority.
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Please help me pray as I need help so much. I once served my Lord but trouble came my way. If you are interested in my poor soul, please pray for me. I will appreciate letters of encouragement. Pray for my husband and children to be saved.—Cleo Parker, Rt. 1, Nashville, N. C., in care of Mrs. Willie Evans.

I ask every one to please pray for me and for my nephew to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my mother.—Thelma Martin, Statesboro, Ga.

Dear saints, pray that the Lord will heal a sore on my ankle which has been there ever since July. He has healed in our home many times.—Your sister, Thelma Barrett, Rt. 4, Selma, Ala.

I am asking a special prayer for my mother, Mrs. Elizer Cook. She has been in bed for four weeks and is in a very bad condition. Please pray for the Lord to touch her body.—A sister in Christ, Lillian Palmer, Rt. 3, Baldwyn, Miss.

Please pray for Sister Irene Cooper who has a cancer. She is a member of the Church of God at Pisgah Springs. She is very discouraged and if any one feels led to write her it will be appreciated. Pray that God will heal her for the sake of her little one. Her address is: Mrs. Irene Cooper, Rt. 4, Eupora, Miss.—A friend, Mrs. W. H. Greenlee, Eupora, Miss.

Dear saints, pray for my nerves. I am weak. I am saved and sanctified and want every one to pray for me to get the Holy Ghost.—A humble sister, Lorene Clayton, Sulphur Spring, Tex.

DEATH NOTICES

ALEXANDER

The Lord saw fit to call our beloved Brother Nancy Alexander, Port Au Prince, Haiti, W. I., from labor to reward. He was sweetly saved in the year 1931 at thirty-eight years of age. He was a faithful member of the Chamber of Trustees of the Church of God in Haiti.—J. Vital Herne, overseer of Haiti; J. D. Scotland, secretary.

COX

Mary Jane Cox was born March 16, 1847 and died Sept. 29, 1933 at the age of eighty-six years, six months, and thirteen days. She had the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church of God. Her funeral was conducted by Brother Gatlin.—Her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Morgan, Sweetwater, Tex.

WHITE

Our dear Sister Perry Lee White, wife of Ernest White, age forty-three years, died Oct. 9, 1933. The church lost one of its best members. Funeral was conducted at the Church of God on Lee St. by her pastor, W. B. Davis, assisted by the writer. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.—Mrs. W. B. Davis, clerk, Pulaski, Va.

MOONEY

Mrs. Callie (Monday) Mooney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Monday and wife of William Fielden Mooney, was born July 4, 1892 and died Jan. 31, 1934 at the age of forty-one years, six months, and twenty-seven days. Funeral was conducted by our pastor, Brother R. S. Lyons, interment in the McKinzy cemetery.—Her daughter, Miss Curtie Mooney, Galax, Va.

JONES

Mr. Joseph Jones died January 14, 1934 at the age of fifty-nine years, seven months and nine days. He was ready and willing to go. Interment was made in the Crystal River cemetery.—His sister, Mrs. J. H. Arline, Crystal River, Fla.

WHITTINGTON

(Ordained Deacon)

Brother T. L. Whittington was born Nov. 2, 1882 and died Jan. 1, 1934, being fifty-two years old. He had the full blessing and was a faithful member of the church at Bunker Hill, which he loved so well. He was one of the charter members and an ordained deacon. He trusted the Lord to the end and died in the faith. He bore his suffering with humility. The church has lost one of its best members but we expect to meet Brother Whittington on the golden shore. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Brother Odis Smith.—W. G. Rogers, clerk, Rt. 1, Dillon, S. C., Box 105.

TATE

Joseph Cecil Tate, Jr., beloved

grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tate, died Jan. 22, 1934. Age eleven years, four months and one day. He said he was saved and we believe he was.—His aunt, Mrs. Alfred Tate, West Frankfort, Ill.

MUSGROVE

Little Glenn Musgrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Musgrove, died Nov. 16, 1933 at the age of about one year and six months.—One who dearly loved him, his uncle, W. W. Tisdale, Ellsville, Miss.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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increased from 4,750,000 yards to 50,750,000 yards in India; from 716,000 square yards to 3,000,000 in East Africa, and from 937,000 to 6,133,000 in South Africa. Mr. Upton Close, Chinese newspaper correspondent for sixteen years past, in commenting upon Japan's commercial aggression in oriental markets, says, "There isn't going to be any foreign trade, that goes for all western and all white nations, except where they can maintain a fence of GUNBOATS around their dear little buying subjects." Japan is capturing the world markets.

To some this report may seem nothing. An editorial writer considers it, "The most significant bit of WAR news that has come to the attention of readers."

Wars are fought for commercial reasons. Propagandists stir the public mind into a fighting pitch with stories of 'a war to end wars,' 'making the world safe for democracy,' or 'other humanitarian reasons.' Take away the opportunity for commercial or territorial gains and most wars would never be fought.

The news editor above mentioned says, "It was not 'bleeding Belgium,' or a torn scrap of paper that brought Great Britain into the World War. Earl Grey of Falloden, alarmed at the inroads which Germany was making upon the FOREIGN TRADE of Great Britain, and threatening its position on the sea, had been committing the country to France and Russia before the outbreak of the war. It was later charged that the viscount had WITHHELD DOCUMENTS which if made public, would have brought Great Britain and Germany into accord."

What all nations want right now

is BUSINESS. Every nation is hoping for more foreign trade. The facts disclosed in this British trade report will inevitably lead to war. Japan's increase of 55.3 per cent is startling. The decline of trade for Britain, France and U. S. A. is equally startling. Britain especially MUST keep her foreign trade. Her island population cannot be sustained without it. Little use for the western nations wrangling among themselves about tariffs and trade regulations, limitation of production, etc., while th's eastern competitor walks away with the markets.

There are desperate reasons why Japan has suddenly become a commercially and territorial as gressive nation. Within half a century Japan's population has doubled. Her official density rate is

433 people to each square mile. "There are now 2,774 people in Japan for every square mile of cultivatable land. The population is increasing at the rate of three quarters of a million every year. The United States will not permit Japanese to enter its territory. Canada and Australia, rich in unoccupied and untilled soil, will not allow Japanese to cross their borders." Quoting from statesmen and editorial writers, "Seen in the terms of the slums of Japan's factory cities, in terms of the pitiful little rice patches clinging on their terraces on the volcanic mountain sides, in terms of the fishing villages that never rest from their titantic struggle with the sea, Japan's overpopulation is an unmitigated tragedy."

"Japan today is like a trapped

animal which has not yet lost its power to inflict terrible punishment on those who come near the pit into which it has fallen. Japan is made of very explosive material and if this material is either shocked or fired, it will explode in the face of the world. In her present state of mind she would wrap herself in dynamite and hurl herself at anyone, not counting the cost."

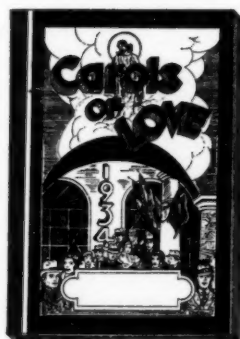
—Readers Digest.

It may not be possible as yet to determine the significance of these developments in the light of prophecy. This much is known, Japan also is a nation, and must be included when Antichrist dominates ALL the nations of the earth. The kings of the east (Rev. 16:12) as well as the kings of the west are to play a part in the closing scenes of the collapse of present world civilization.

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